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YEAR IN THE DEPARTMENTS.

Grand Jury Indicted 1,020 Persons During Year---Twice as Many Convictions Secured in Criminal Courts as in 1914.

Sully, the so-called cotton king, against John Hays Hammond, the famous mining engineer. Sully sued Hammond for \$1,500,000. The case occupied six weeks of the Circuit Court's time during the spring of the year and resulted in a mistrial. It will be retried in January. The case grew out of Sully's charges that Hammond had entered the secondaries to denote him of the Juvenile Court during the past year. Although the exact eto a conspiracy to deprive him of the profits from the promotion of the opean rights to certain American

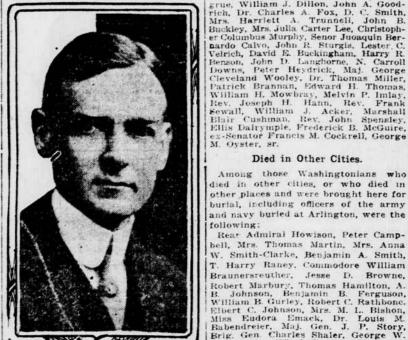
Criminal Courts' Record.

The year 1915 was a record-breaker in local criminal annals. The grand intes during the year reported a total of 1,020 indictments. Fifty cases presented to the grand jurors during the year were ignored. United States 1919. The work of conducting the pro-The year 1915 was a record-breaker the year were ignored. United States attorney Laskey has so far cleaned up the business of his office during the first year of his administration that when persons are held for crime in the Police Court on one day the grand jury hears the testimony of witnesses the next day or within the week.

In the two criminal courts during 1915 a total of 988 persons were convicted either on their own pleas of guilty or by verdict of a jury. In Division 1, which is given over to criminal business exclusively, 843 con-victions were recorded, while in Criminal Division 2 in less than three conths 145 convictions were secured. But 35 acquittals were reported during the year. Sentences were suspended in 192 cases and the accused given an-

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Twelve homicide cases were tried, but the death penalty was not exacted once in 1915. Joseph Hawkins, colored, came the nearest to the scaffold. He was convicted of first degree murder by the fury for kiling his wife. Chief Justice Covington because of certain facts not developed at the trial granted a new trial and on the accused pleading guilty to murder in the second degree committed him to the penitentlary for life. William Poland and Samuel G. Gowan were also given life terms for murder in the second degree. Other homicides resulted in the following sentences: Lawrence Robinson, thirty years; George W. Marshall, twenty-five years; Charles Fowler, fifteen years: Andrew Walls, nine years, and Isiah Carter, ten



Died in Other Cities.

Among those Washingtonians who

died in other cities, or who died in other places and were brought here for

and navy buried at Arlington, were the

Rear Admiral Howison, Peter Campbell, Mrs. Thomas Martin, Mrs. Anna

following:

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JUVENILE COURT.

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More than 2,100 cases, including juvenile and non-support, were called to the attention of the Juvenile Court during the past year. Although the exact number of cases brought to the attention of the court is not known, there were approximately that number of cases which were actually tried, or in which some disposition was made without the formality of a trial.

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Another surprise was the snowing of the postal savings system, notwith-standing the depressing effects of the European war in other fields, the total number of depositors reaching 525,414, and the deposits \$65,684,798, a gain of 136,903 depositors, or 35.2 per cent, and of \$22,240,487 in deposits, or 51.2 per cent.

resulted in a greater volume of impor-cent. resulted in a greater volume of impor-The first actual test of the use of tant diplomatic correspondence because government owned automobiles was made during the year and was so successful that the department contemplates a wider use of this means of handling the mails, especially in the combination of what is konwn as the screen wagon, collection and delivery services.

Itant diplomatic correspondence because of the war in Europe than any preceding decade since the foundation of the government.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.

The formulation of military policies

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The rural delivery service was improved by the elimination of what the proved by the elimination of what the department terms the duplication of travel and unnecessary retracting of the travel and unnecessary retracting of the screen was with the warring and travel. State Department correspondence with the were recorded the previous year, fewer firemen were seriously hurt, and none was killed in line of duty. One members of the department, Private J. F. Rock of No. 27 engine company, died Private E. J. Byrne of No. 11 en-

Government Activities Have Been Devoted to Keeping U.S. Out of the War and Mapping Preparedness Campaign.

calculated to raise the United States Eighty-five fires claimed the attention and the American Society of Interna reaus in obtaining persons to fill va- from a nation comparatively without of the department, and only one false tional her 28. means of defense to one of the great alarm was sent in. Damage estimated riod it kept the great force of workers military powers of the world has over- at \$18,963 resulted from the fires. Dep-moving gradually northward in the grain fields of the west.

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The convention season in

Injuries to Firemen.

Three trash wagons were destroyed by fire during the month of October.

The chief scientific event was the second Pan-American Scientific Congress which met December 27, and the convention year ended with the meet-convention year ended with the meet-ing of the American Civic Association and the American Society of Interna-

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post office department.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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Alexandria's annexation suit also was decided in its favor by the appeals court during the year, giving it a big increase in territory.

The city council is completing its work of making appropriations of about \$50,000 for permanent improvement in this territory.

Alexandria's school population is increasing yearly. The report of the school census enumerators made during the year showed that there are 4,333 children of school age in the city.

The long-talked-of \$50,000 hospital for the city is now an assured fact.

The middle of December Edward L. Daingerfield, president of the Citizens' Daingerfield, president of the Citizens National Bank, donated to the trustees of the hospital his handsome home and lot at the corner of Washington and Duke streets, as a site for the hospital. lot at the corner of Washington and Duke streets, as a site for the hospital. Alexandria also secured a park of several acres known as George Washington Park during the year. This is Alexandria's first park. Later it is planned to improve the tract. The big Barcroft dam of the Alexandria Water Company, which has a capacity of 600,000,000 gallons, and which cost nearly \$250,000, was completed during the year.

The Wagar Land Company acquired the south end of the old Braddock House, and is converting it into apartments. The historic old Carlyle house, also acquired by the same concern, is